

Memo

To: Board of Managers
From: Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations *MY*
CC: Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager
Date: 12/8/2011
Re: Review of Policies Related to the Sidewalk Replacement Project

At the November regular meeting of the Board of Managers the question of how the sidewalk replacements are handled as they meet and/or cross driveways was raised. In an effort to more clearly describe how these situations are addressed below please find a description and photo examples of the current policy for the Board's review.

Policy Description

New brick sidewalks will be installed exactly where the old ones are currently. When an existing/old sidewalk crosses over a driveway, the new sidewalk will as well. For example, an existing driveway where the public sidewalk does not cross over the driveway will not be altered to accommodate the new brick sidewalk. If later, homeowners replace these driveways, they must continue the brick sidewalk (in the *Pine Hall Pathway* brick material) across the replaced driveway.

Reasons Behind the Policy

1. If a sidewalk is installed across a driveway where one currently does not exist the, Village would be required to saw-cut the private driveway/apron to create a clean joint to provide an even transition between the two surfaces. By saw-cutting the driveway/apron a number of issues can arise:
 - a. The new sidewalk and driveway/apron may not meet flush with one another. Several driveways/aprons throughout the Village are not graded properly therefore this would make it impossible for the new sidewalk to be installed at the correct slope requirements without replacing the remaining portions of driveway and/or apron.

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- b. If the new sidewalk does not meet flush with the driveway/apron, water ponding and frost heaving will occur on both the sidewalk and driveway/apron.
 - c. Damage to the driveway/apron such as cracking and asphalt deterioration can occur or be accelerated.
 - d. The Village is not responsible for the maintenance of private driveway aprons. Any damage that is caused by the installation of a new sidewalk would be the Village's responsibility to repair/replace. A typical concrete driveway apron costs about \$3,000.
2. The sidewalk replacement project is solely a "replacement" project of existing sidewalks.

Photo Examples of Policy

- Replacement of sidewalk across a driveway:

Before:



After:



- Replacement of sidewalk skipping over a driveway:

Before:



After:

